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The average daily circulation of the  
Barre Daily Times for the week ending  
Saturday was.

**4,615**

copies, the largest paid circulation of  
any daily paper in this section.

George Aiken off the Vermont board  
of agriculture. Best man!

The town of Saxtons contains only 600  
people, yet it is big enough to have a  
post office.

Mark it down for one of the important  
events in Vermont for the coming year,  
as predicted by the Fair Haven Era,  
that there will be industrial peace in  
the state business there. Very likely,  
but it makes a difference whether the  
peace comes January 1 or December 31,  
1908.

The industrial depression throughout  
the country leaves the metropolis of the  
country faced by a serious problem—the  
ever of the thousands who drift into  
the big city in search of work and, if there's  
no work, for subsistence. This problem  
looks up greater than ever now, because  
there is always a rush to the large cities  
as the approach of cold weather.

The following optimistic note is con-  
tributed by the Springfield Republican:

"The markets are taking a decidedly  
more favorable view of the situation.  
The premium on currency all but dis-  
appeared at New York yesterday, the  
known movements of money favoring  
other good bank statement to-day, and  
stocks were more buoyant than for some  
time past. The bank of England also  
makes another favorable weekly state-  
ment; for, although showing heavy gold  
losses and a sharp decline in the reserve  
ratio, the proportion of reserves to liabilities  
is above that for this time in sev-  
eral years past."

**THE PROBLEM IN THE COAL MINES.**

Just at this time when the miners  
are still engaged in bringing up the torn  
and twisted bodies of victims of recent  
mine disasters in Pennsylvania and nearby  
coal regions and the country is im-  
pressed with the necessity for more safe-  
guards, the United States Geological  
Survey has issued a valuable document  
on the prevention of the accidents. The  
document points out that in the year  
1906 there were 7,000 men either killed  
or injured in the coal mines of the coun-  
try, and it awards the statement that  
the total for 1907 will be quite a good  
deal larger than that. The record for  
the first seventeen days of the present  
month, including 500 victims, seems to  
bear out the prediction. This is the  
more remarkable in view of the fact  
that the natural conditions in the United  
States tend to reduce the number of mine  
disasters; yet we are killing off each  
or a greater proportion of mine workers  
than most European countries, where  
the natural conditions are not considered  
so favorable. The structural relations  
in the United States are considered more  
favorable, in that the beds are thick and  
that they lie in horizontal positions,  
making ideal conditions for mining. At  
the same time, the mines in this country  
are not more troubled with the terrible  
fire-damp than are the mines in other  
countries, while up to recently the price  
of wood has not been so prohibitive that  
it could not be secured for sufficiently  
propping the mines. But in spite of all  
these conditions, things have been growing  
worse during the past fifteen years. It  
seems that the United States has  
something to envy from in the methods  
employed in foreign coal mines, such as  
compulsory use of tested safety lamps,  
regulations for the use of explosives and  
certain precautions for combating un-  
favorable conditions. The frequency of  
the accidents in recent weeks demands  
the adoption of some measures for re-  
lief.

STRAY PICKINGS OF  
LOCAL INTEREST

A new club has been formed in Barre. It has a large membership. It doesn't take braves, brave or weak, to become a member. The only qualification is a com-  
munity interest. The name of the new organization is the Radiator Club. Its meeting place is around the heat-pro-  
ducer in the City Hall corridor. There you may see its members congregated on any winter day, with backs turned against the radiator and hands clasped behind their heads, watching those people who have business going about and doing it. The activity of these latter seems to give a pain to the Radiator members. Perhaps these busy people may be harried later from the building and thus the Radiator members be allowed their usual peace of mind.

Meanwhile the walls of the corridor are liberally decorated with "No Smoking" signs.

Those who remember "King" Foster at Goddard seminary ten or a dozen years ago recall a fair-haired athlete who used to sitle around the ends, to the confusion of opposing teams, run bases like a deer and jump like a rubber ball. So they don't wonder that the name Foster has landed in a nice place in the government employ in New York City. Foster always was a persuasive chap.

People who ride on the new car on the trolley system between Barre and Montpelier say that for ease it is as much different from the old cars as a house is from a barn. Of course, they mean no reflection on barns; for barns have their merits! They do not feel, when they board the car, that they are being packed in a dry-goods box and shipped to destination, f. o. b. To begin with, the seats are arranged in transverse sections rather than in parallel position down the sides. Then there's a springiness in the upholding. Again, the car is heavier and doesn't give one the sense of motion of the wild waves after a hearty meal. Furthermore, for the smokers there's a large, airy vestibule. Put these things together, and you have what amounts to a real luxury.

A sweet-faced girl went into a local drug store the other day and going up to the clerk inquired:

"Can I get any Jamaica ginger?"

You could have knocked the clerk over with a feather, until he found out that there was a comic opera company in town and that this handsome lot of femininity was a member of the chorus. At the time, however, he recovered long enough to inform the girl that there were several saloons "down the street"; whereas the fair inquirer expressed great surprise, saying, "Why I thought this was a 'dry' town." She then tripped gayly out of the store and was last seen making tracks for the North End.

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## An Acrostic.

"Oh, give to me a solvent cure," cried  
Life,  
"To end in marriage land this grief and  
strife."

Sweet Love replied in accents soft and  
low:  
"Each soul must ever its own harvest  
sow,  
Each soul must ever its own harvest  
reap;  
Know well the law, relentless its sweep!"

"Dost see the shackled, pleading hands  
that rise,  
In dumb despair to the unheeding skies?  
Voiceless and deaf and seeming impo-  
tent,  
Over-arching blue is placid and content."

Relentless are the man-made laws that  
bind,

Cessingless the cry of souls all unresigned,  
Earth holds one balm, but you must  
seek to find."

Asked Life in scorn: "Is there no solid  
ground,  
Sweet Love? No cure for this too com-  
mon wound?"

"Ah," answered Love, "I have the sol-  
vent found:

"Sordid and common are thy ways, O  
Life,  
Over all the world in marriage there is  
strife.

Lured by the greed of gold, or by desire,  
Vain and grasp the false Promethean  
fire.

Each must be burnt ere he can know its  
soul,

No balm is found save one—a bitter  
dose!

"Tis true, O Life, there is but one re-  
course."

—Town Topics.

## SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Will Be Held Five Nights This Week at  
Heeding Church.

Special meetings will be held at 7:30  
on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thurs-  
day and Friday evenings this week. The  
topics for each meeting will be as fol-  
lows:

Monday and Tuesday, December 30  
and 31, prayer meetings, with heart to  
heart talks to Christians by the pastor.

Wednesday, January 1, 3 and 7:30 p.m.,  
roll call.

Thursday, January 2, prayer meeting,  
topic, "Life in Christ." —John 3:1-12.

Friday, January 3, Pentecostal service.

## Universalists, Attention!

The calendar for the week in the  
Universalist church is as follows:

Tuesday evening, Dec. 31, at 8 o'clock,  
the annual parish meeting will be held

for the annual business.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 1, at 6  
o'clock, the annual parish supper will

take place.

Thursday evening, January 2, at 7:30  
o'clock, the annual church meeting will

be held.

Friday evening, Jan. 3, at 7:30 o'clock,  
the monthly business meeting and social

of the Christian Union will occur.

According to a Brattleboro paper effort  
is being made to secure a pardon for G. W. White, who was sentenced at a September term of Windham county  
court to six years in the state prison at  
Windsor for larceny. He has served two  
years of his sentence.

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## JINGLES AND JESTS

## What He Knows.

"Well, be not only knows that he  
doesn't know much, but he knows  
enough to keep others from knowing  
it." —Judge.

## A Last Sigh.

He blotted his wangs to a star,  
And for awhile seemed but play;  
She recently divined him, though,  
And he is still at work today!" —Chicago Record-Herald.

## Ethel's Repentance.

Ella—As Ethel married in haste, I  
suppose she repented at leisure?

Maudie—No; she repented at a cheap  
boarding house, I understand—Denver  
News.

## Try This.

Put your worries to yourself;  
Put your sorrows to the shelf;  
Ask your friends your joys to share;  
Don't divide with them your care." —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

## Accounted For.

Mrs. Simpkins—I inherited my money  
after I was married.

Mrs. Kinnane—No wonder you got  
such a good husband—Puck.

## It Wins.

A quantity of "hot air,"  
Sweetened to the taste,  
Will always win the maiden  
With the whiney wain." —Judge.

## Preparing For the Attack.

"To the ship stripped to repel bandits."  
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Preaching and Practice.

"Save money—use the safest plan."  
Trust companies counsel us anew,  
And each keeps saving all he can—  
His own and other people's too."

## The "Monthly" Prize Poem.

(By H. Owen Poet Laureate.)  
"Love-Sickness and Death."  
The saffron curtain intones me where  
I lie,

Bring here some glorious woman whose  
red mouth

May quench with burning kisses my  
son's drought.

And love me once again or never I die.

Once more I fain would see the votive  
flame

Gleam on the altar of our dead desire

Wan Cyana shall fan its flickering  
fire

And tread again the path from whence  
she came.

Her marble arms shall press my wasted  
frame.

Her lips shall burn my pallid lips  
above;

Oh, perfect culmination of our love

That by the Gates of Death remains the  
same.

All dreams of heaven and all dread of  
hell

Are naught to me whose failing limbs  
shall bear

The weight of her soft many-stranded  
hair

What time I die. One kiss... and so  
farewell.

Envoi.

Poor maudlin Monthly. How your page  
Has fallen on an evil age!

This sort of rot may pass today,

But what would all your founders  
say?

And what does Mr. Comstock think?

Of such a use of printers' ink?

In common charity 'twere best

To have the poor old sheet suppressed.

—Harvard Lampoon.

## An Army Tragedy.

They were engaged, though she was but  
sixteen.

And three short months of service he  
had seen.

He then was ordered to the Philippines,

And they began to learn what trouble  
means.

Pa was O. K. but Ma was the K. O.

"Let that child wed a shavetail! Nay,  
not so."

Sad was their parting; bitter were their  
tears;

Their yearly should shorten the long  
years.

Julia's dark eyes made Jane's reflection  
pale.

Al! Fate was cruel—let us draw a veil;

Jane's letter, liner-wait, awaited him,

It said, "Dear Jack, I am engaged to  
Jim."

—Army and Navy Life.

## Start Right!

We consider we have started the  
New Year right by installing one  
of the latest Cash Systems.

Why not trade with us? It  
means two pounds of Butter for  
every time you trade \$15.00 Cash,  
a discount better than 4 per cent.

Our prices are as low if not lower  
than our competitors.

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Malaga Grapes per pound.....	14c
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